



**Don't Know Much About History?: The Great LGBTQ+ History and Culture Extravaganza**

**Background:**

As more people who are LGBTQ+ come out of the closet and into the streets – and the workplaces – visibility for the community is at an all-time high. Yet understanding of LGBTQ+ history and culture remains at a shocking low. For most people, history classes lacked content about key figures in LGBTQ+ history (and not just Harvey Milk) or the significance of certain events (beyond Stonewall). Even less learned about the significance of how now mainstream concepts (like camp) originated and influence popular culture. Participate in a learning experience that highlights key LGBTQ+ figures, symbols, events, and concepts. Each will help to elevate forgotten stories and highlight LGBTQ+ intersections with diverse communities. They will also provide ideas for the many ways knowing about LGBTQ+ history and culture isn't just about knowing fun trivia, but having the tools to educate, create common ground, and expand inclusion efforts.

**Content Overview:**

- Discuss why providing education and programs on LGBTQ+ history and culture is relevant and necessary in the workplace
- Look at some key – and often ignored – people, places, and things from LGBTQ+ history in the United States
- Understand the cultural context for elements of LGBTQ+ culture including camp, signaling, “gayborhoods”, and LGBTQ+ bars/clubs
- Find out how having a grasp of LGBTQ+ history can become a resource for educating, navigating conflict, and building bridges.

<b>Session Length:</b>	90 minutes
<b>Target Audience:</b>	Self-identified allies, LGBTQ+ people who want to learn more; basic understanding of LGBTQ+ issues helpful
<b>Participant Materials:</b>	Handout and online resource page
<b>Additional Information:</b>	This learning session is available in a 60-minute interactive webinar format. 75 minute version available.

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